UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE **OFFICIAL WARNING** **VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**	**CASE NUMBER:** MO10115-AC **VIOLATOR:** Springfield Dickerson Zoo **ADDRESS** (*Street, City, State, ZIP Code*)**:** 1923 North Weller Springfield, MO 65803

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

Date of Violation: June 2, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 2.131(b)(1) Handling of Animals. Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

Springfield Dickerson Zoo failed to handle a giraffe during an unloading process as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner not causing trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. As a result, the giraffe suffered a subluxation of the neck vertebrae and spinal cord damage and had to be euthanized.

Date of Violation: June 7, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 3.131(d) Sanitation. Pest Control. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

Springfield Dickerson Zoo failed to have an effective program for the control of birds in enclosure housing red kangaroos.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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